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1. The Sofia Party School (Vissha Partiyana Shkola) is directed by Elena Dimitrova Chervenkova, the wife of the Bulgarian Premier. There are currently 900 students enrolled in the school, which has a capacity for 1300. The student body is composed chiefly of active Party members, journalists, Armed Forces officers, and teachers, who, as graduates of the school are generally assured preferential treatment in obtaining government or Party positions. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, for example, fills almost all of its vacancies with graduates of the Party school.
2. The students live at the school, and are permitted to leave only one evening a week and over weekends. A 40-bed hospital is under construction for the school.
3. Although short courses of six to twelve months duration are occasionally organized, the normal course of study lasts three years.
4. The following subjects comprise the curriculum:
 - a. General history;
 - b. Bulgarian history;
 - c. History of the Communist Party in Bulgaria and the USSR;
 - d. Dialectical materialism;
 - e. Principles of Marxism and Leninism;
 - f. Political economy;
 - g. Principles of Socialist economy;
 - h. History of art;
 - i. Constitution of Bulgaria and the USSR;
 - j. History of the international and Bulgarian trade union movement;
 - k. Journalism;
 - l. Geography; and
 - m. Sports.

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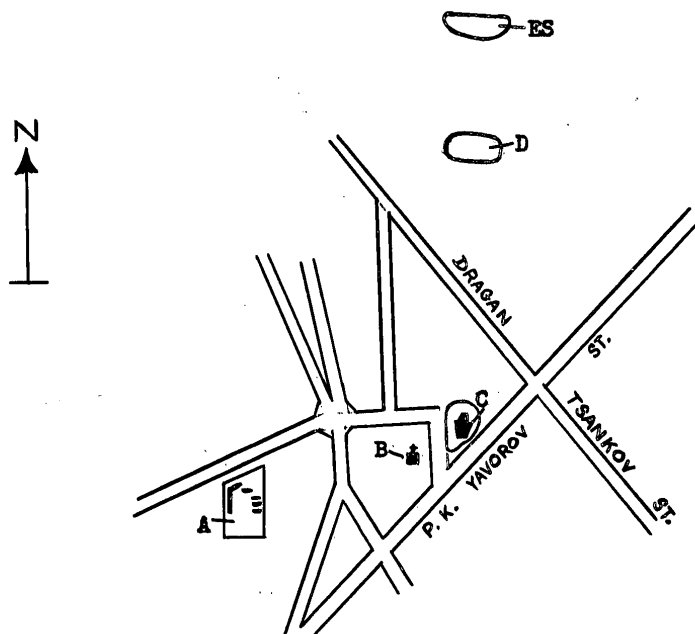
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Location of Sofia Party School



LEGEND:

- A. School building
- B. Communist Youth (Dimitrov's Union of People's Youth?) Club (former Seminaria)
- C. Water tower
- D. Soccer ground
- ES. "Vasil Levski" Stadium

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